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In Memoriam.

IN THE MEMORY OF WILBUR BOWKER, WHO
WAS KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF FORT MUD-
DOCK, MAY 27, 1862.
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO HIS FAMILIES.

BY C. H. HAYES.

Why weep for the loved and lost?
Why mourn for the early dead?
He has only laid down his burdensome cross
To wait a rich crown in its stead.

His life grew strangely dim,
And faster the fleeting breath,
No victory gained the grave o'er him,
No sting in the hour of death.

In his heart true faith abode,
And a Christian's death he died;
Made pure by the blood which freely flowed
From the Saviour's wounded side.

In God was his only trust,
Relying on mercy to save;
He has only rendered the dust to dust—
The spirit, to Him who gave.

Tho' far from his home and his friends,
And stranger hands buried his clay,
His spirit, no longer encumbered, was borne
By angels to heaven away.

He has only gone home to his God,
To dwell in the mansions above;
The heavenly falls the chastening rod,
'Tis only a lesson of love.

From his heavenly home on high—
From the great white throne beside—
Not dead, but born to a happier life,
He's watching, to guard and to guide.

Then weep no more for the loved,—
Mourn no more for the early dead;
He has only laid down his burdensome cross,
To wear a rich crown in its stead.

POPULAR COTTAGE, PERU, AUG., 1863.

The Fatal Trick.

A Thrilling Sketch.

"Bonds with one flashing spring the mighty
blade waving to and fro,
His angry tail red roll his eyes, dilated green."
"Where his vast neck just mingles with the
spine,
Sheathed in his form the deadly weapon lies."
(Child Harold's Pilgrimage.)

Upon one evening a party of col-
legians and young bloods of the town
had met together at my rooms to play
and carouse. In fact, it was a regu-
lar meeting of the hunters, who as-
sembled twice a week. We kept it
up jollily until midnight, having in
that time managed to get full of Bac-
chus, when Somers proposed that we
should sally forth and astonish the
town by some well-planned and well-
directed piece of mischief. Without
any one of us having a very clear con-
ception of our actions or intentions,
we hailed the proposition with drunk-
en rapture, and started forth.

A travelling menagerie had arrived
in town the day before, and among
the wonders was a young bear. The
poor animal had been so well beaten
that he became very humble; and per-
formed a number of amusing tricks.
Of this we were all aware, having vis-
ited the menagerie the day before.
Just as we passed the spot where the
animals were confined, it occurred to
me what rare sport it would be to
capture young Bruin, and place him
in the chemical lecture-room, to as-
tonish, on the next day, the professor
and the class.

No sooner had I made the proposi-
tion to this effect, than it was adopted
and all volunteered their assistance in
carrying it into execution. The tent
or pavilion which covered the beast,
was erected in the yard of the prin-
cipal tavern. The cages each contain-
ing one or more animals, were iron
grated boxes, standing on wheels by
means of which they had been drag-
ged into town. They were arranged
around the interior of the tent, form-
ing a circular array of wood and iron.

Not imagining that any one would
disturb the animals, the showmen and
inmates of the tavern left the tents en-
tirely unwatched. Thus we were af-
forded a clear field in which to ex-
ecute our scheme. After several of
our number had been posted as senti-
nels, the rest crept in under the can-
vass and entered the arena. It was
some time before we could, in the deep
darkness of the place, identify the
cage in which our friend Bruin had
been put to sleep. After stumbling
over divers things which lay scattered
about, and peering here and there in
the dark, we found the object of our
search. There, in a substantial cage,
was the dim outline of the animal, his
two white eyes flashing drops of fire
at being aroused from his quiet slum-
ber.

The next difficulty that occurred to
us was the mode of conveying him to
the college, which was several hun-
dred yards distant. Some of the rev-
ellers proposed that we should throw
a halter around his neck, and so drag
him along.

We rejected this, not from any per-
sonal fear, since we had arrived at
that point which makes one oblivious

of danger, but lest we should be seen
by some late straggler, and have our
fun spoiled. A better plan was, after
much scheming, devised, and one
which met with universal acquies-
cence.

In the tavern yard stood a water
hogshead, with a sliding lid, fastened
by means of hasp and staple. We
had only to roll this in, slide down the
box from the wheels, open the door
immediately in front of the hogshead
and drive the animal in.

We could then push down the lid of
the cask, secure it by means of a rope
passed through the staples, and roll
our prisoner and prison-house to the
college.

No sooner was this suggested, than
we hastened to put it into execution.
The cage, with our united efforts, was
slid quietly down from the wheels—
Bruin growling all the while with an-
ger—the hogshead was rolled in and
placed upon end in front of the cage,
and the animal stirred up with our
cane. With a terrific yell he rushed
in, and we closed the lid suddenly
down upon him, fastening it at the
same time in a secure manner. The
yell of the bear roused the other ani-
mals, and our ears were regaled for
the next ten minutes with a variety of
hideous sounds, that awakened fear-
ful the sleeping echoes of the night.
The animal in the hogshead growled,
and his voice came like distant thun-
der, so deafened was it by the wood
in which he lay. His fellows had no
incomprehension to their voice, and they
howled as clearly as though they had
been in their native forests.

Fearful of being discovered, we re-
mained quiet for some time, holding
our breaths in suspense. But no one
disturbed or thought of disturbing us.
The animals often started a chorus of
strange noises during the night, and
the keepers, thinking nothing unusual
to be the matter, merely cursed the
unruly beasts for destroying the unity
of their rest, and turning back went
to sleep again.

As soon as quiet was restored, we
slit a hole in the canvass, for we were
afraid to emerge by the aperture which
faced the tavern, rolled our hogshead
through the yard to the back gate.—
This we unfastened, and passing into
the road, started at a quick rate for
our spot of destination. Over and
over went the hogshead, the animal
within growling at the rough treat-
ment he experienced, and we nearly
convulsed with laughter at the un-
counted noise which he made.

At length we reached the back part
of the college when one of our party
climbed over the wall and unfastened
the gate. We rolled in our prize to
the back door of the laboratory, which
was the place where our professor of
chemistry lectured. We found that
in consequence of the narrowness of
the passage through the door, the
hogshead would not enter. Such be-
ing the case, we were about to start
the animal through the open door,
when an idea more redolent of fun
struck the fancy of Somers. Back of
the lecture room was a small apart-
ment containing odds and ends, and
which was not visited, perhaps, more
than once a month. He said rightly,
that if we placed Bruin in this apart-
ment he would not be likely to be dis-
covered until some time during the
lecture of the chemical professor, when
the noise he would be apt to make at-
tracting attention, the plot would read-
ily be brought to a crisis. We joined
our strength, and upon our shoulders
up went the hogshead until it was
placed on a level with the window.—
A light young fellow, the smallest of
the party, climbed up, hoisted up the
cask, and slid up the lid of the can-
vass. We shook the hogshead vio-
lently, but at first to no purpose. The
animal was thoroughly frightened, and
lay still, or with only an occasional
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